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- 1 a much more generic complaint at this institution.
- 2 MS. BRORBY: May I approach the witness, Your Honor?
- 3 THE COURT: Yes.
- 4 BY MS. BRORBY:
- 5 Q. Dr. Haney, I've just handed to you Plaintiffs' Exhibit
- 6 1481; is that correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Can you identify the exhibit?
- 9 A. Yes. It's a -- a report or a declaration which I wrote and
- 10 submitted in this case.
- 11 Q. Do you adopt that report as part of your testimony today?
- 12 A. Yes.
- MS. BRORBY: May I approach counsel table, Your Honor?
- 14 THE COURT: Ma'am?
- MS. BRORBY: May I approach counsel table?
- 16 THE COURT: Yes.
- 17 BY MS. BRORBY:
- 18 Q. That report doesn't have your CV on it, does it? Or does

- 19 it?
- 20 A. I believe it has a -- a list of publications over the last
- 21 ten years, not a full CV, but a -- an abbreviated one.
- MS. BRORBY: Your Honor, at this point, I'd offer
- 23 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1481.
- MR. ANASTASIADIS: Your Honor, the defendants would
- 25 vigorously object to the admission of this exhibit on two bases.

- 1 One, in paragraph 31 this witness who's not a medical doctor, a
- 2 psychiatrist, or has ever treated a patient gives an opinion as
- 3 to whether there's mentally ill inmates in the Texas Department
- 4 of Criminal Justice ad seg division. The second objection, Your
- 5 Honor --
- 6 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 7 MR. ANASTASIADIS: The second objection, Your Honor,
- 8 and I'd like the record to reflect that I'm holding up the notes
- 9 which form a partial basis of this report as admitted to
- 10 Doctor --
- 11 THE COURT: Well, now, Counsel, I've already told you
- 12 that you'll have the opportunity to read those notes in detail,
- 13 and you can call this witness back and take his deposition. So
- 14 let's go forward.
- MR. ANASTASIADIS: I understand the Court's ruling,
- 16 Your Honor, but I'd like to preserve the objection.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. You've got it -- you've got
- 18 your objection. Let's go forward with this.

- MR. ANASTASIADIS: I had not finished making it.
- 20 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. ANASTASIADIS: The second part of it, Your Honor,
- 22 was that the report, as shown by the deposition, was based on
- 23 some notes that was approximately three inches thick that I got
- 24 for the first time half an hour ago. He indicated during
- 25 questioning at the deposition that the interview -- most of the

- 1 interviews of -- of -- of certain inmates that thought -- these
- 2 are apparently the notes. I have not had time nor could I have
- 3 had time even at lunch hour to read these hundreds of pages of
- 4 documents. For that reason I would object to the report which
- 5 the deposition indicates form the basis -- the notes form the
- 6 basis of it. I would object to the reception into evidence of
- 7 this report.
- 8 MS. BRORBY: If I may respond, Your Honor?
- 9 THE COURT: Yes.
- MS. BRORBY: I fear that Counsel has mixed up some
- 11 additional exhibits that were provided with the notes, and I
- 12 just note for the record that the notes that have been provided
- 13 are about an inch thick, as opposed to any other description.
- 14 And I think the deposition testimony is clear that the witness
- 15 did not rely upon the notes in the preparation of his report
- 16 and, further, I think on the basis of the witness' testimony
- 17 it's been clarified that the defendants had in December the
- 18 information as to every prisoner who was interviewed by the

- 19 witness. Finally, I'd note about the paragraphs referenced in
- 20 the report that the witness does not purport to make any
- 21 psychiatric diagnoses and that his observations about the
- 22 apparently psychologically disturbed persons he found in
- 23 administrative segregation are within the ability of a -- even a
- 24 lay witness to make in terms of an observation about the
- 25 behavior of people.

- 1 THE COURT: Your objection is overruled. Let's go
- 2 forward. You may cross-examine the witness.
- 3 MR. ANASTASIADIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: Both objections are overruled.
- 5 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 6 BY MR. ANASTASIADIS:
- 7 Q. Good afternoon, Professor Haney. Welcome to Texas.
- 8 A. Good afternoon. Thank you.
- 9 Q. Professor Haney, have you conducted any more make-believe
- 10 prison experiments lately, or was 1973 the last time you
- 11 conducted such an experiment?
- 12 A. Actually the Stanford prison study was conducted in 1971,
- 13 and from that point on I began to concentrate on actual prisons
- 14 and interviewing of actual correctional staff and prisoners in
- 15 real prisons.
- 16 O. Well, I'm interested in why you haven't conducted more of
- 17 them. Don't you believe that correctional personnel everywhere
- 18 still have plenty to learn from watching untrained white,

- 19 middle-class college boys behaving badly with nightsticks in the
- 20 basement of an Ivy League college somewhere in California?
- 21 Don't you think that's still a valuable experiment that
- 22 correctional officials can learn from?
- 23 A. Well, I think that the demonstration itself made in very
- 24 dramatic ways the points that I described. I think that
- 25 connecting those points to actual correctional institutions in

- 1 actual environments like the ones I've described in Texas is a
- 2 much more important and much more realistic and much more
- 3 practical way of trying to connect those insights and those
- 4 concepts to actual conditions and actual
- 5 behavior and practices.
- 6 Q. Whose money were you spending doing that experiment at
- 7 Stanford?
- 8 A. I believe that we funded the study with a US Office of
- 9 Naval Research grant that Professor Zimbardo had at that time.
- 10 It was a defense department grant.
- 11 Q. So you used tax money to conduct that particular
- 12 experiment?
- 13 A. We used -- as I recall, as I said, US Department of Defense
- 14 grant money to study the nature of violence in institutional
- 15 conditions.
- 16 Q. Professor Haney, you're a lawyer that's never had a client
- 17 and a doctor that's never treated a patient. Would that be
- 18 true, sir?

- 19 A. It would.
- 20 Q. And you --
- 21 A. I'm a professor who has had a lot of students, but
- 22 that's not a patient and not a client.
- 23 Q. Thank you for that clarification, sir. You've never been
- 24 licensed to practice law in California or anywhere else. In
- 25 fact, you've never even taken the bar exam. Is that true?

- 1 A. Yes, that's correct. I never practiced law.
- 2 Q. And have you ever been a prison inmate?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Have you ever been incarcerated in a jail or prison?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Despite your never having treated a single patient nor ever
- 7 stepped in a courtroom except as a witness, nor ever been an
- 8 inmate, you're being paid, what, \$150 an hour to give us an
- 9 expert opinion on the extent of psychological pain that Texas
- 10 inmates endure in ad seg?
- 11 A. Yes. The study of psychological pain is something that I
- 12 have focused on and concentrated on for about 25 years. And,
- 13 yes, that's correct, Ms. Brorby has retained me at the rate that
- 14 you describe \$150 an hour.
- 15 Q. So there's no misunderstanding, you're a lawyer, but you've
- 16 never had a client or practiced law or ever had a license or
- 17 passed the bar. You're offering up an opinion in your report as
- 18 to the constitutionality of certain prison conditions. Am I

- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Well, no, I'm not sure you are. I didn't intend in my
- 21 report to reach a constitutional opinion. I wasn't asked to do
- 22 that and I didn't attempt to do that. I don't think the report
- 23 reflects that. I mean, I certainly did reach a number of
- 24 conclusions, but I didn't see them as legal or constitutional in
- 25 nature.

- 1 Q. I'll be glad to ask the Court's permission to approach, if
- 2 you think I may be misquoting you. I'm looking at paragraph 26
- 3 of your report. And don't you believe that certain conditions
- 4 that you describe are, and I quote, are below what I believe are
- 5 constitutional minima? Paragraph 26, sir, top of the page. Did
- 6 you use those words?
- 7 A. Yes, I used the word with respect to out-of-cell time. And
- 8 I think I've used the term in passing to describe what I had
- 9 thought was a working definition of the constitutional minimum
- 10 of out-of-cell time that even prisoners in ad seg are entitled
- 11 to.
- 12 Q. So you did give some opinion as to what the constitution
- 13 requires and whether the Texas practices fall below what the
- 14 constitution requires.
- 15 A. Well, I think in the section of that report that you
- 16 referred to, and I think that's the only section in which I used
- 17 that term, I tried to provide a frame of reference for the
- 18 extremely low amount of out-of-cell or exercise activity that

- 19 prisoners in those units are provided with, and that was a
- 20 comparison to provide a kind of baseline or frame of reference.
- 21 Q. Do you have any -- other than having gone to law school, do
- 22 you have any qualifications at all whatsoever to present an
- 23 opinion as to whether a particular Texas practice does fall
- 24 below or not fall below constitutional minima?
- 25 A. Well, I'm not sure what you mean by qualifications. This

- 1 is an area that I have studied for 25 years. I write about it.
- 2 I certainly write about the legal components to it as well.
- 3 Most of the writing that I do, most of the work that I publish,
- 4 some of which is published in law reviews, deals both with the
- 5 psychological as well as the legal issues. There is both a
- 6 legal context here as well as a psychological context. So the
- 7 two things are not entirely unrelated.
- 8 Q. Professor Haney, have you ever met the director of mental
- 9 health services at UTMB University of Texas Medical Branch -
- 10 Dr. Suzanne Ducate?
- 11 A. No, I don't believe I have.
- 12 Q. So you're not aware that she's the director of correctional
- 13 services for a portion of TDCJ?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. She has asked me to get from you so she can check them out,
- 16 to get the names and TDCJ numbers of all of these inmates that
- 17 you claim you saw that were exhibiting signs of psychological
- 18 distress. Can I get those names from you now?

- 19 A. No, you can't. I believe I explained this to you before,
- 20 that I did not take down the names and the numbers of all the
- 21 people who I saw in the various units that I walked through who
- 22 were exhibiting these signs of psychological distress. You do
- 23 have the names and numbers of all the people who I interviewed,
- 24 however.
- 25 Q. Well, is -- do your notes that I just got half an hour ago,

- 1 do they reflect which of those inmates were the ones that you
- 2 say were exhibiting psychological distress?
- 3 A. Well, in some instances the notes will indicate that, but
- 4 many of the other observations were done as I walked through the
- 5 cellblocks themselves. And I think, as I explained to you
- 6 before, I didn't take down names and numbers of those people.
- 7 Q. So at this time we have no way of verifying whether any or
- 8 all of those people have any kind of psychological problems at
- 9 all.
- 10 A. No, except insofar as Dr. Jurczak, who was with me at the
- 11 time, made similar observations or in instances where I referred
- 12 those people to Dr. Jurczak or him to them, it's my
- 13 understanding that he actually did examine them and that you
- 14 have information that he collected in the course of making a
- 15 psychiatric examination.
- 16 Q. Professor Haney, do you know who Dr. Jeffrey Metzner is?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. You know he's a psychiatrist. He's a real medical doctor

- 19 who has actually treated patients, then, don't you?
- 20 A. Yes. I'm familiar with Dr. Metzner's qualifications, and I
- 21 find him impressive personally and professionally.
- 22 Q. I'll represent to you that he testified yesterday before
- 23 this Court that inmates without mental illness have been known
- 24 to smear feces for secondary gain. Do you have a different
  - 25 opinion or do you agree with that?

- 1 A. No, I don't -- I wouldn't -- I wouldn't dispute that. I
- 2 don't -- I don't think that inmates who do that are
- 3 psychologically healthy or are not manifesting or evidencing any
- 4 form of psychological problem or disturbance, but I would
- 5 certainly not dispute Dr. Metzner's conclusion that they're not
- 6 necessarily mentally ill.
- 7 Q. And do you agree that that smearing feces is not always or
- 8 even necessarily the result of mental illness?
- 9 A. Well, I tend to -- to agree with you on the last question
- 10 on that point. I agree with you, with Dr. Metzner, with other
- 11 people that it is not necessarily a -- a sign or a symptom of
- 12 mental illness. It's -- it's not a sign or a symptom of mental
- 13 health either. There are reactions that people have that fall
- 14 short of mental illness but which are nonetheless adverse and
- 15 potentially harmful psychological reactions.
- 16 Q. Do you agree that exhibition of unusual behavior, although
- 17 it may be a starting point in making a diagnosis of mental
- 18 illness, that no competent psychiatrist would make a diagnosis

- 19 without looking at the patient's medical chart, performing
- 20 standardized mental health diagnostic tests and other accepted
- 21 norms of diagnosis and treatment?
- 22 A. Well, yes. I mean, we've established that I'm not a
- 23 diagnostician, but that I certainly understand that that's the
- 24 procedure that diagnosticians use when reaching a conclusion
- 25 about whether or not someone is in fact mentally ill.